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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1308**

November 21, 2007

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20423

**RE: Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and  
Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please accept this letter as a notice that I intend to participate in the above-referenced proceeding as a Party of Record. I request to be added to the service list, and receive copies of all motions, pleadings, correspondence and other filings made in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

I would also like to take this opportunity to comment on the Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation's request that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) treat the transaction as "minor" under the Board's rules, 49 C.F.R. Section 1180.2. Due to the significant impact increased freight traffic will have on communities currently unaccustomed to such traffic, I request that the STB treat this case as a "significant" transaction and not a "minor" transaction. In addition, I request that a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be conducted that thoroughly reviews the impact on safety, congestion, noise and the physical environment increased freight traffic will have on the area. Finally, I ask for your assistance in organizing a field hearing in my Congressional District with the affected communities, STB, and Canadian National Railway so the concerns of my constituents can be heard directly.

I am concerned that increased freight traffic could have an economic, environmental and quality of life impact on my constituents. For example, in the Barrington area there are eight street grade-level crossings with the EJ&E tracks. At these crossings, increased freight traffic will cause significant delays to already congested arterial roads such as Illinois Route 59, U.S. Route 14 and Lake Cook Road, which will have broad transportation ramifications. In order to give my constituents the opportunity to evaluate the impact of this transaction and comment accordingly, I urge you to classify this transaction as "significant", request an EIS and organize field hearing in my district.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests. I look forward to working with you and the STB to ensure that this freight line purchase is conducted in a fair and open manner, taking into consideration the needs both of the businesses that rely on the freight line, and the communities that the trains will pass through.

By my signature below, I certify that I have caused this Notice of Intent to Participate to be served on the parties of record in this proceeding, as reflected in the attached document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa L. Bean". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Melissa L. Bean  
Member of Congress

Enclosure  
cc: All Parties of Record

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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that on November 21, 2007, the foregoing Notice of Intent to Participate is being served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

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**Affirmation In Lieu of an Oath**

I, Melissa L. Bean, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading. Executed on November 21, 2007.

  
Melissa L. Bean  
Member of Congress